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SUBJECT: MEXICAN COOPS REQUESTING EXCLUSIVE
FISHING RIGHTS

1. THE MEXICAN NATIONAL FEDERATION OF COOPERATIVES
COMPRISED OF 460 MEMBER COOPS IS REQUESTING THREE
ADDITIONAL SPECIES BE ADDED TO THOSE RESERVED EXCLUSIVELY
FOR THE FISHERIES COOPERATIVES. THE REQUEST IS BEING MADE
TO GOM CONGRESS AND DEPT OF FISHERIES. THE THREE SPECIES
ARE SARDINE, FRESH WATER CRAYFISH AND OCTOPUS. PRESENT
ESTIMATED WHOLESALE VALUE OF LANDINGS OF THESE SPECIES IS
OVER 11 MILLION DOLLARS. AT PRESENT EIGHT SPECIES ARE
RESERVED EXCLUSIVELY FOR THE COOPERATIVES: SHRIMP,
LOBSTER, ABALONE, OYSTER, TOTOABA, MARINE TURTLES, PISMO
CLAM AND GROUPER.

2. JUSTIFICATIONS FOR THE REQUEST ARE IMPROVED SOCIO-
ECONOMIC STATUS FOR FISHERMEN AND IMPROVEMENT IN
RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT. INFORMED SOURCES
CLAIM THAT RESERVING SPECIES FOR COOPS SLOWS DOWN
FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT, INCREASES PRICE OF PRODUCT AND
CREATES FRICTION BETWEEN THE PRIVATE SECTOR AND FISHER-
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MEN OWING TO INEFFICIENT OPERATION OF THE COOPS. IT IS
CLAIMED THAT 90 PERCENT OF THE 460 EXISTING COOPS ARE
OPERATING AT A LOSS AND MUST BE SUBSIDIZED BY THE GOVERN-
MENT. ADDITIONALLY, GIVING PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT TO ONE
GROUP SUCH AS THE FISHERMEN COOPS WILL PROMPT OTHERS TO
FOLLOW SUIT, A TENDENCY THE PRESENT GOM IS TRYING TO
CURTAIL. GOM DEPT OF FISHERIES DOES NOT FAVOR THE

NATIONAL FEDERATIONS REQUEST. CALDERHEAD

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